



December 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Room 2316
Lincoln, NE 68509

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol Room 2028
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Rev. Stat. § 43-1905 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature information regarding the expenditures and programs funded by the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board (Board). This report covers the expenditures for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022.

The Board was created in 1986 by the Nebraska Legislature to provide prevention information, education, and resources to parents, professionals, and the public. Board members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. The Board is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Nebraska Revised Statute 43-1905 requires DHHS to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature including receipts and disbursements of funds, recipients, nature of the program funded, dollar amount awarded, and the percentage of the total annually available funds the grant represents. The report may be made available to the public upon request.

Receipts and Disbursements

Nebraska divorce and birth certificate fees support the Board as revenue, as well as investment income. During SFY 2022, revenue was credited at \$249,493.06 from the above noted fees as well as investment income. The Board has carryover funds that are invested and partially allocated during each SFY in addition to the annual revenue amount. Due to the variable nature of the revenue and investments, the Board also maintains a 10-year financial projection and an annual funding plan with consideration of multi-year investments and prior year carryover. Each year, the 10-year projection is reviewed by the Board and DHHS finance staff to make any necessary adjustments. The Board may decrease future allocations if necessary to ensure resources are not depleted.

During the SFY 2022, a total of \$412,063.99 was allocated of the available funds. Due to several factors, there were unspent funds in this SFY. The Covid-19 pandemic created restrictions on the delivery of services and impacted grantees' ability to provide services as planned. Additionally, a few of the community collaboratives were unable to expand as proposed due to staffing resignations or vacancies. Of the \$412,063.99 allocated, \$120,859.30 remains unspent as of December 7, 2022. One of the contracts through Firespring does not end until December 30, 2022, due to the work being completed in a calendar year. The Department anticipates a portion of the unspent funds will be expended by the end of the year. Unspent funds can be carried over to the next year and reallocated.

Recipient Allocation and Program Details

The table on the next page provides information on the recipients, the nature of the program funded, the dollar amount awarded, the percentage of the allocated funds the grant represents, and unspent dollars from the allotted amount. Details regarding specific programs are provided below.

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

PCIT is an empirically supported treatment for children ages two to seven and their parents that focuses on improving the parent-child relationship. It is often used to treat clinically significant disruptive behaviors in children. In PCIT, parents learn specific skills to establish a nurturing and secure relationship with their child while increasing their child's pro-social behavior and decreasing negative behavior

Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)

COSP is an 8-week program that builds strong relationships between parent and child. It helps parents learn how to respond to their child's needs in a way that reduces their stress and enhances healthy attachment. Families participating in COSP have often experienced trauma or other factors that can disrupt attachment security.

Community Response Expansion

Community Response is a system of supports and services for children and families to prevent unnecessary entry into the child welfare system or other high-end systems of care. Participating communities develop and coordinate an array of local resources to determine eligibility criteria, identify families, administer, and share screening and assessments, and provide short-term support to qualified families. Typically, communities develop a Community Response Team with designated point persons that may be called Connectors or Navigators.

Community Cafes

Community Cafes are a series of connected conversations hosted by parents working in partnership with local organizations. Cafés strengthen families and promote parent leadership to create more equitable and mutually informed systems. The pandemic challenged parent hosts to create new virtual approaches in place of in-person gatherings. Parent hosts from many Café teams participated in virtual sessions for shared learning and support and also addressed handling difficult topics.

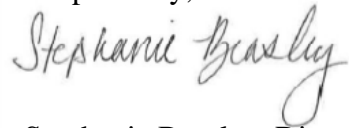
Training and Technical Assistance

All grantees received support for initial training, implementation, and evaluation in NCAPF supported strategies, including COSP, PCIT and Community Cafés. Additional support was provided for development of community systems to support and use these strategies, including, but not limited to, Community Well-Being and Community Response.

Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund 2021-2022 Allocations					
Program, service, resource	Grantee and Community	Amount of allocation	Dates covered	% of total funds allocated	Amount unspent
Community-based prevention programs, services, and resources					
Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	Public Health Solutions (Saline and Jefferson)	\$11,249.99	7/1/21-6/30/22	3%	\$6.31
Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	York County Health Coalition (York)	\$5,990.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	1%	\$5,840.01
Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	Sunrise Inspirations PC (Adams County)	\$11,500.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	3%	\$0
Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	Family Services (Lancaster Co.)	\$22,500.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	5%	\$15,214.42
Circle of Security Parenting (COSP)	NE Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (statewide)	\$60,000.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	14%	\$10,032.73
Community Response Expansion (CR)	Columbus Area United Way (Platte-Colfax)	\$25,000.00	10/1/21-6/30/22	6%	\$15,833.97
Community Response Expansion (CR)	Hall County Community Collaborative (Hall)	\$25,000.00	10/1/21-6/30/22	6%	\$25,000
Public awareness					
Radio and social media	Learfield (statewide)	\$40,000.00	10/1/21-6/30/22	10%	\$0
Website	Firespring (statewide)	\$25,000.00	1/1/22- 12/31/22	6%	\$23,020
Prevention Store	Abante (statewide)	\$40,150.00	10/1/21-6/30/22	10%	\$1,444.32
Parent and youth engagement and leadership for prevention					
Community Cafés	- National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds	\$10,000.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	2%	\$8,075
	- Lincoln Community Foundation	\$30,000.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	7%	\$0
	- Hall County Community Collaborative	\$10,000.00	10/1/21-6/30/22	2%	\$5,841.66
	- Auburn Public Schools	\$10,674.00	7/1/21-6/30/22	2%	\$0
Training, technical assistance, and evaluation					
Administrative Support	Nebraska Children	\$85,000	7/1/21-6/30/22	20%	\$10,550.88
TOTAL 2021 – 2022 ALLOCATION		\$ 412,063.99			\$120,859.30

Thank you for your review of this DHHS report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services